



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents, Box 201
 United States Patent and Trademark Office
 Washington, D.C. 20591
 www.uspto.gov

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY DOCKET NO
10/088,138	Saliha Moussaoui -Mrabet	43550

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO
PCT/FR00/02540

IA FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE
09/14/2000	09/17/1999

Dean H Nakamura
 Roylance Abrams Berdo & Goodman
 1300 19th Street N W
 Washington, DC 20036

CONFIRMATION NO. 1464

371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER



OC00000009806252

Date Mailed: 04/10/2003

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

<u>11/25/2002</u>	<u>11/25/2002</u>
DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	DATE OF RECEIPT OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** *The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363).* Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 03/15/2002
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/15/2002
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 03/15/2002
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 03/15/2002
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 11/25/2002
- Oath or Declaration filed on 11/25/2002
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 03/15/2002
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 03/15/2002
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 03/15/2002
- Assignee Statement filed on 11/25/2002
- Priority Documents filed on 11/25/2002

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

PATRICIA A BOOKER
Telephone: (703) 305-3738

PART 3 - OFFICE COPY

FORM PCT/DO/EO/903 (371 Acceptance Notice)